

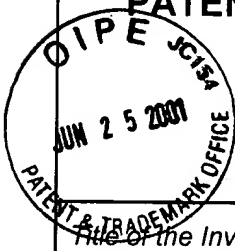
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<b>IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</b>	<i>Application No.</i>	09/555,459
	<i>Filing Date</i>	31 May 2000
	<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Mervyn J. FREDERICK
	<i>Group Art Unit</i>	1616
	<i>Examiner Name</i>	R. DeWitty
	<i>Attorney Docket No.</i>	2355-118
Title of the Invention: <b>A PACKAGE FOR A VAGINAL RING</b>		

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 9 April 2001, please enter the amendments contained on the following pages, which are summarized below.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1 and 5 as found on the following pages.

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please add the new abstract found on the following page to the application after the claims.

Marked-up copies of the original text of the amended claims are attached to this amendment. Material inserted is indicated by underlining and material deleted is indicated by brackets.

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